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Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent

Work Session

November 20, 2019

11:30 AM

Mountain Valley Elementary
2601 S Princess Dr., Idaho Falls, ID

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Amy Landers called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Amy Landers present
Chad Dance present
Greg Calder present
Scott Lynch present
Paul Jenkins tardy; arrived 12:09p.m.

III. Action Items - The board may take action to approve, deny, amend, modify or postpone action on any of the items listed below.

A. Approve/Amend the Agenda

MOTION: Greg Calder moved to approve the Agenda. Chad Dance seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Delegations

Others in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Chief Financial/Operations Officer Guy Wangsgard, Executive Director of Instruction & Learning Jason Lords, Executive Director of Planning & Personnel Heath Jackson, Director of Maintenance & Operations John Pymm, Director of Safe Schools & Technology Gordon Howard, Director of Secondary Special Education and Federal Programs Julian Duffey, Community Relations and Communications Phil Campbell, Administrative Assistant Samantha Williams, Food Services Supervisor Heather Plain, and Board Clerk Mary Hansen.

V. Items for Discussion

A. Communications – Dr. Scott Woolstenhulme, Superintendent

Chairman Paul Jenkins invited Scott Woolstenhulme to present on Communications. Dr. Woolstenhulme outlined key activities laid out by Patron Insights relating to communication with our public. The District has provided information to the patrons and parents with two newsletters for staff and parents. The next phase will focus on meeting with local business leaders: retail, service industry, housing, real estate, healthcare, agriculture base, rural group, restaurants, faith communities, government offices, etc.

B. Boundary Planning - Heath Jackson, Executive Director

Vice Chairman Amy Landers invited Heath Jackson to present on Boundary Planning. Mr. Jackson shared a document showing findings throughout the District focusing on available classroom space, capacity, enrollment and future modular placement. Moving a modular from one school to another incurs an average cost of \$25,000. Purchasing and setting up a new modular can be as high as \$125,000. If plant and facility funding is used to place modular trailers, funding for other district projects and upkeep of current buildings, is strained. The growth in the district seems to be top heavy (Iona, Discovery, Summit Hills, Bridgewater) and bottom heavy (Mountain Valley, Woodland Hills). Other discussion included aligning elementary schools with high school boundaries, Special Education department programs, and the timeline leading up to the decision. Mr. Jackson will present enrollment numbers, modular placement, proposed boundary change maps and two proposals for the December meetings.

C. Grading Policy - Jason Lords, Executive Director

Chairman Paul Jenkins invited Jason Lords to present on Grading Policy. Mr. Lords reviewed the current Board policy and procedures on grading and followed up with discussion on grading: What is the purpose of grading? Why are we grading? What

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are we trying to achieve? Equality of grades for all classes and schools? What are students learning? How to communicate student achievements? How does grading affect curriculum? Grades vs. assessment and intervention? He reviewed the book On Your Mark by Thomas Guskey.

D. Outstanding Lunch Charges - Guy Wangsgard, CFO

Chairman Paul Jenkins invited Guy Wangsgard to present outstanding lunch charges. Heather Plain, Child Nutrition Supervisor stated there are many overdue accounts and that her staff have become bill collectors, reaching out to parents of students who have delinquent or debt in their student lunch accounts. Parents are notified when the accounts reaches $-\$.01$. Parents are able to add funds to the accounts via the website. The Child Nutrition Program accepts donations to cover the outstanding charges made by students when their accounts are empty of funds; however, this is a band aide and not a solution. Alternative meals are provided to children after two charges are made to their account. Mrs. Plain empathized the need to update the policy, including sending delinquent accounts to a bill collection agency.

VI. Call for Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Pymm stated property bids are received and will be on the December 11, 2019 meeting for the Board's review.

- A. Regular Meeting - **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** - District Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
- B. Work Session - **Wednesday, December 18, 2019** - District Board Room - 11:30 a.m.
- C. Christmas Break - **Monday, December 23, 2019** through **Friday, January 3, 2019** - No School
- D. School Resumes - **Monday, January 6, 2020**
- E. Annual Meeting - **Wednesday, January 8, 2020** - District Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
- F. Work Session - **Wednesday, January 22, 2020** - FLITTE Program - 11:30 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

MOTION: Greg Calder moved to adjourn. Scott Lynch seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVED: _____
Chairman

ATTESTED: _____
Clerk

DATE: _____